

Claims

1. A nutritional composition for promoting wound healing comprising a protein source, a lipid source and a carbohydrate source wherein no more than 1.8% of the total calories of the composition derive from arginine and wherein the protein source includes proline in an amount of at least 3% of the total calories of the composition..
2. A nutritional composition according to Claim 1 wherein at least 3.5% of the total calories of the composition derive from proline.
3. A nutritional composition according to claim 1 or 2 wherein 1.5% of the total calories of the composition derive from arginine.
4. A nutritional composition according to any preceding claim wherein the protein source constitutes at least 28% of the total calories of the composition.
5. A nutritional composition according to any preceding claim which composition has an energy density of about 1.25kcal/ml.
6. A method of providing nutritional support to a patient with an acute or chronic wound comprising the step of administering a therapeutically effective amount of a nutritional composition comprising a protein source, a lipid source and a carbohydrate source wherein no more than 1.8% of the total calories of the composition derive from arginine and wherein the protein source includes proline in an amount of at least 3% of the total calories of the composition.
7. A method according to claim 6 wherein at least 3.5% of the total calories of the composition derive from proline.
8. A method according to claim 6 or 7 wherein 1.5% of the total calories of the composition derive from arginine.

- 5 9. The use of a protein source a lipid source and a carbohydrate source for the manufacture of a therapeutic formulation for promoting wound healing, wherein no more than 1.8% of the total calories of the composition derive from arginine and wherein the protein source includes proline in an amount of at least 3% of the total calories of the formulation.
10. The use according to claim 9 wherein at least 3.5% of the total calories of the formulation derive from proline.
- 10 11. The use according to claim 9 or 10 wherein 1.5% of the total calories of the formulation derive from arginine